

## GUNS OF FRENCH SWEEPING PERONNE

## Railroad Strike Averted; Will Arbitrate

OFFER MADE  
BY OFFICIALS  
IS ACCEPTED

Agreement to Plan of Managers Is Announced by Chief of Workers.

## TURN DOWN DEMANDS

Company Officials First Refuse Requests of the Employees Then Counter.

New York, Aug. 9.—The threatened strike of the 400,000 railway employees of the United States was averted today when the railroad brotherhood accepted a proffer of the United States board of mediation and conciliation to mediate their differences with the railroads.

Announcement of the acceptance of the offer was made by A. B. Garretson, head of the conductors' brotherhood, after it had been delivered by G. W. W. Hanger, a member of the board, following an appeal to that body to intervene, made today by the national conference of railroad managers.

Mr. Garretson said he had informed the board that the offer was accepted on the condition that "its good offices are promptly exercised."

New York, Aug. 9.—The national conference of railroad managers today again rejected the demands of the four railroad brotherhoods for an eight hour day and time and a half for overtime and proposed submission of their differences with the men to the United States board of mediation and conciliation.

Elisha Lee, chairman of the railroad conference, in proposing that their differences be mediated by the federal board, said the brotherhoods had previously declined arbitration under the Newlands act, providing for six arbitrators but that the railroads saw no other way out of their differences than through mediation.

Arbitration Unsatisfactory.

Mr. Garretson, reiterating the contention of the brotherhoods that in previous attempts to settle differences with the railroads through the federal boards, the brotherhoods had failed to obtain satisfactory awards, said that the unions believed they could reach a settlement by dealing directly with the roads.

Chairman Lee then announced that he would nevertheless appeal to the federal board of mediation and conciliation. This board was at the time in a session at a nearby hotel.

Mr. Lee's announcement came after Mr. Garretson had expressed his willingness to have the railroads make the appeal. In that event, he said, the unions could make a reply as to their attitude.

This reply, Mr. Garretson indicated after adjournment of the meeting, would probably be favorable.

Appeal to Board.

Judge W. L. Chambers, chairman of the United States board of mediation and conciliation, announced after the adjournment of the meeting that the railroads had formally appealed to the board to mediate their differences with the unions.

The board immediately prepared a communication to the brotherhoods offering its service, which it was announced would be dispatched to the brotherhoods' chiefs at once.

Meantime, it was stated, the board would remain in session to await the brotherhoods' reply.

Both sides, after adjournment, went into executive session.

## THE WAR TODAY

Notable gains for the entente allies were chronicled yesterday by the French, Russian and Italian official statements.

The French have taken German trenches nearly four miles long; have again won a foothold in the Triaumont work near Verdun and captured two lines of German trenches on the Vaux-Chapelle-Chenois front. On the Somme, the British have advanced their line about 400 yards near Guillemont.

The Russian drive into East Galicia continues in the vicinity of Stanislaw where they have taken half a dozen towns and villages. In all, Petrograd says, the Russians have taken territory amounting to more than 614 square miles.

Scotland Is  
Raid Target  
of Zeppelins

London, Aug. 9, (11:38 a. m.)—German airships raided the east coast of England and the southeast coast of Scotland early today according to an official statement issued by the war office. Three women and a child were killed and 14 persons injured.

The text follows:  
"A hostile airship squad crossed the east coast of England at an early hour this morning. Another airship is reported to have visited the southeast coast of Scotland. The raiders did not penetrate far inland but dropped a number of bombs in various localities near the coast."

"At several places the airships were engaged by anti-aircraft guns and driven off from their objectives. Reports received show that three women and one child were killed and fourteen persons injured. No damage of military importance is reported."

From seven to ten Zeppelins took part in the air raid early today, according to an official statement this afternoon. About 150 bombs were dropped and 23 casualties were caused says this statement, supplementing an earlier announcement.

WIDEN SCOPE OF  
DIPLOMA INQUIRY

Grand Jury Investigation Appears Imminent—College and High School Certificates Bought?

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Grand jury investigation appeared imminent today of reports that college and high school diplomas have been purchased outright by dozens of young men who have taken up medicine or dentistry in Illinois. It is said that in many instances state boards have been deceived into issuing licenses upon the strength of these diplomas.

Evidence of the sale of certificates of graduation, it is said, has been unearthed by individual investigation, by the state board of health and by the state dental board.

Dr. C. St. Clair Drake, secretary of the board of health, said he would recommend to the legislature an amendment that the medical practice act which would require printing houses to turn over to the board the lithograph stones from which diplomas are printed whenever a medical school becomes defunct.

It is stated that diplomas from schools which have passed out of existence have been sold at fancy prices to medical students. The students have presented them to the state board when applying for examination.

This is said to be evidence that some colleges have put prospective students in touch with persons who could furnish them with high school diplomas.

CAMPAIGN STRAIN  
TELLS ON HUGHES

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 9.—The strain of unaccustomed campaigning had told somewhat upon Charles E. Hughes when he reached here today. He was fatigued and his voice was hoarse. The throat specialist accompanying him urged him to save his voice for the two meetings here and at Minneapolis and Mr. Hughes consequently refrained except in one instance from making back platform speeches at five scheduled stops in Minnesota before reaching this city.

At Winona, Minnesota, where a crowd was awaiting him when his train pulled in before breakfast, Mr. Hughes made a three minute talk. He expressed gratification in the interest of the crowds.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 9.—All street car strikes in this city were over today and customary service was resumed. It is estimated the strike cost the companies \$600,000.

GOVERNOR DUNNE ORDERS  
EXAMINATION OF CATTLE  
AT STATE INSTITUTIONS

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 9.—An examination of all cattle at state institutions to determine whether the herds are infected with tuberculosis was ordered today by Governor Dunne.

The order of Governor Dunne follows charges that the herd at the Lincoln state school and colony at Lincoln, Ill., is tuberculous. This charge was made among others by Dr. Harry J. Haiselden of Chicago, who, after a visit at the Lincoln institution several weeks ago, reported that it was overcrowded and insanitary.

A report of Dr. Thomas H. Leonard, superintendent of the institution, in reply to Dr. Haiselden's charges, admitted that from 40 to 60 per cent of the cows which supply milk for the 2,500 inmates were infected with tuberculosis.

FAMOUS RAIL  
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## FAMILY AT BED SIDE

End Comes After Sickness Lasting Only Few Days—76 Years Old.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 9.—A. B. Stickney, founder of the Chicago Great Western railroad, died at his home here this morning after an illness of one week. He had been in declining health for several years.

Members of the family and a number of friends were at the bedside when the end came. Intestinal trouble with complications was given as the cause of death by attending physicians.

Mr. Stickney, who was 76 years old, was born and educated in Maine and later came to the northwest where he organized the Chicago Great Western Railway company. He also was builder of branch lines of several other roads. Illness in 1908 caused his resignation as president of the Chicago Great Western.

Was Active Worker.

Although best known as the organizer and for many years directing force of the Chicago Great Western, Mr. Stickney also found time to take part in a large number of activities to promote the commercial, social and educational welfare of the northwest. One of his commercial ideas resulted in the founding of the St. Paul Union Stock Yards company at South St. Paul.

In 1883 Mr. Stickney began the organization of what was to be the Chicago Great Western railroad when he took over the charter of the old Minnesota and Northwestern line, which had been unable to meet charter obligations.

As its president he extended the line from St. Paul to Morley Junction, Iowa, linked Lyle, Iowa, with the Illinois Central railroad and Morley Junction with the Iowa Central railroad and brought both of those lines into St. Paul.

Soon afterward he extended a line from Hayfield, Minn., to Chicago and built a branch from Oelwein, Iowa, to Omaha, under the name of Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City line. Later he built a line from Oelwein to Omaha.

These lines, consolidated, formed the Chicago, Great Western system. Mr. Stickney then remained president of the company until a year after it had gone into receivership, resigning as receiver because of failing health.

Jeffrey Receives Chicago Girl.

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Miss Grace Gassette, who according to a dispatch last night from Paris, is the first American woman to be presented to General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, at his headquarters, is the daughter of Norman G. Gassette, a Chicago pioneer who was prominent in society and philanthropic work here. Although a former Chicago resident, Miss Gassette, who has achieved considerable fame as an artist, has made Paris her home for a number of years. Much of her work has been hung in the Paris salon.

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## LOADIN' THE GUN

Villistas in  
Attack Upon  
Train, Claim

Chihuahua City, Mexico, Aug. 9.—Villista bandits yesterday attacked a passenger train in the Torreon and Durango railroad at Noria. They were repulsed by an escort of government troops on the train.

In a running fight, General Aguilar of General Francisco Murguia's staff was killed. The bandits numbering about twenty, scattered to the foot hills.

Camp Wilson, San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 9.—Illinois' first brigade of infantry began the last lap of its triumphant hike from Leon Springs to Camp Wilson today. In the two weeks which have intervened since its march to Leon Springs, strides called "astonishing" toward perfect military efficiency and morale have been accomplished. Not a man failed to report when the three regiments fell in today after a night's rest at Ten Mile Hill.

Rain Checks Corn Damage.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 9.—Rain in central and southern counties of Illinois, the last week has checked the corn damage, according to the weekly weather crop summary issued today by Clarence J. Root, director of the United States weather bureau here.

Thirty Saloons to Be Closed.

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Thirty more Chicago saloonkeepers are to lose their licenses as the result of failure to comply with the Sunday closing law last Sunday, it was announced today. Mayor Thompson recently revoked licenses of more than a score of saloonkeepers.

## Latest Bulletins

New London, Conn., Aug. 9.—The German submarine Bremen is expected to arrive at this port at any time, according to the New London Day, this afternoon.

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BODY PICKED  
TO MEDIATE  
MEXICOCASE

Commissioners to Represent United States at Conference Chosen.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Secretary Lane of the interior department and Associate Justice Brandeis of the supreme court have been selected as two of the three American members of the joint commission which will undertake settlement of Mexican border difficulties. The name of the third member will be made public later.

Formal announcement that the United States and Mexican governments had reached an agreement for discussion of difference by joint commission was made by Acting Secretary of State Polk.

Formal announcement of the appointment of the commission was delayed today only to await acceptance from the third man asked by President Wilson to serve. The Mexican members already have been designated and Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's ambassador designate, has been authorized to arrange with acting Secretary Polk details as to time and place of meeting.

Mr. Arredondo called at the state department during the day and gave further assurances of the willingness of the de facto government to have the scope of the commission's discussions as broad as the United States desires.

Formal announcement was made today by Acting Secretary Polk of the acceptance of General Carranza's proposal for a joint international commission to seek a solution of border disputes and to discuss other matters which may help clarify relations between the United States and Mexico. Only the time and place for the conference remain to be decided.

Secretary Lane of the interior department will head the American commission, supported by Associate Justice Louis D. Brandeis of the supreme court and a third commissioner whose name will be announced later.

10,000 AUSTRIANS TAKEN  
BY ITALIANS AT GORIZIA;  
TOWN IS CAPTURED, CLAIM

London, Aug. 9, (5:34 p. m.)—Officials here confirm news dispatches to the effect that Gorizia is entirely in the hands of the Italians who captured 10,000 Austrians.

The Austrians, pursued by Italian cavalry, have abandoned nearly all their principal positions on the Isonzo Carso fronts, following the taking of the Gorizia bridgehead by the Italians, according to a wireless dispatch from Rome this afternoon.

Rome, Tuesday, Aug. 9. The Italian successes on the Isonzo front are regarded in Rome as marking merely the beginning of the new campaign.

Five Million  
Men Held by  
Belligerents

New York, Aug. 9.—More than five million prisoners, double the number of men engaged in any previous war that the world has known, are now confined in prison camps of the belligerent nations, according to Dr. John B. Mott, general secretary of the international committee of the Young Men's Christian association, who arrived here today on the Danish steamship Oscar II from Copenhagen. Dr. Mott left here in May for Russia and has visited the prison camps of nearly all the countries at war.

Dr. Mott said that of the prisoners, Germany has the greatest number, approximately 1,750,000. Russia, with about 1,500,000 comes next, then Austria with 1,000,000 followed in order by France, Italy, Great Britain and Turkey. Russia's prisoners, he added, are rapidly increasing, more than 400,000 having been added to the camps since the beginning of the last Russian drive. In six weeks, Dr. Mott added, 230,000 passed through Kiev.

"I found," Dr. Mott said, "that reports as to the treatment of prisoners of war received have been greatly exaggerated. In all of the countries the prisoners receive virtually the same food and care that the armies of respective countries do. Everything possible is done for their comfort and health."

"We have 45 American secretaries working among the various armies and I hope to increase this number shortly. The work is the general army Y. M. C. A. work, looking after the men's mental and physical wants. We have been accorded all the cooperation and assistance we could reasonably expect by all the countries except Turkey, whereas yet we have not been permitted to enter and our efforts are well received."

Dr. A. Davis, formerly of Washington, D. C., is in general charge of the American Y. M. C. A. work on the western front, Dr. Mott said and A. C. Harte is in charge on the eastern front. Mr. Harte returned with Dr. Mott for several weeks' vacation.

To Fix Maximum Price of Coal.

Paris, Aug. 9.—A decree providing for a maximum price of coal is published in the official journal. The price will be fixed by the government after August 10.

Although the news is received with great satisfaction no surprise is expressed nor have there been any unusual public demonstrations. The attack was to have been inaugurated earlier in the summer but was delayed by the Austrian offensive.

"At last our waiting, planning and steadfast faith are bearing fruit," says the Giornale D' Italia.

Petrograd, Aug. 9.—The war office announced today that the Russians have occupied Tysmenetsa, in Galicia on the river Vorone.

On Aug. 7, General Letchitzky's army took 7,400 prisoners, including 3,500 Germans and 63 machine guns.

TEUTS ADMIT  
OLD TOWN IS  
BEING RUINED

Heavy Guns of Allies Hammering at Building of City Held by Foe.

## CITY IN FLAMES, CLAIM

German Army Reports Say Stronghold Is Being Reduced to Ashes.

German Great Headquarters via Berlin, Tuesday, August 8 and London, August 9—1:20 p. m.—

Since yesterday the famous old French city of Peronne has been under French artillery fire, resulting in a great conflagration which threatens to wipe it out. Already the fine collection of paintings of Italian and Flemish masters has been destroyed by shells which landed squarely in the city hall, where the most valuable art objects from the museum had been housed for protection.

In addition the shells destroyed irreplaceable collections of medieval Germanic silver and semi-precious stone work. Celtic coins dating from the time of the Roman invasion and medallions. Houses in some streets have been reduced to ashes. It is considered doubtful whether Peronne's celebrated wood houses in the late Gothic style and the Cathedral of St. John can be saved from the flames.

Frustrate German Attacks.

Paris, Aug. 9, (Noon).—The Germans made violent attacks last night on positions taken by the French north of Hem woods on the Somme front during the last two days. Today's official statement says these attacks were frustrated. The fighting continues.

On the Verdun front heavy fighting continued during the night for possession of Thiaumont work. The Germans gained a further footing. The French held the outskirts of the work. In Fleury the French made some progress.

In the region of Chaumes the Germans penetrated the French lines between Libons and the Chaumes railroad but were expelled at the point of the bayonet.

A French aviator set forth at 8:30 o'clock last night on a voyage in which he covered 350 kilometers (217 miles), returning at 11:55 o'clock. He crossed the Vosges mountains and the Black forest of Germany.

Offensive Continues.

General Joffre's methodical offensive continues relentlessly its slow pressure in both theaters of the western front.

On the right bank of the Meuse General Neville has extended his offensive to the Vaux-Chapelle-Le Chenois region where he has gained a local success. In the Fleury-Thiaumont zone he is more than holding his own. It is the latter district the Germans are concentrating all their efforts and exceptionally strenuous fighting continued there throughout the night and day. The French are again in possession of Thiaumont work.

North of the Somme from the river to where the French line joins the British, General Joffre, co-operating with General Haig, has made systematic progress. It is the last three days the French have won trench after trench along a line four miles in length and have now pushed forward their whole line half a mile.

DEATH OF ITALIAN  
CHIEF DESCRIBED

Paris, Aug. 9.—The dramatic death of the commander of the Italian troops that stormed the Austrian second line trenches on Monte San Michele is described in a dispatch to the Petit Parisien from its correspondent on the Italian front. The dispatch says:

"The enemy offered their most intense resistance at the second line trenches on Monte San Michele. Our men dashed forward at a run to find one trench still protected by wire entanglements. The commander of the attacking battalion said:

"Boys we've got to pass." Taking a hatchet he cut a passage through the wire calmly and deliberately. Just as he completed his task he fell into the arms of the soldiers shot through the heart. But the breach had been made and the Italians swarmed through into the Austrian lines."

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and vicinity.

Generally fair and warmer tonight; Thursday partly cloudy; temperature about 95 degrees.

Highest temperature yesterday, 89; lowest last night, 68, at 7 a. m. today 70.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. four miles per hour.

Humidity at 7 p. m., 49; at 7 a. m., 66; at 1 o'clock today, 30.

Stage of water 6 feet with no change.

J. M. SHERIDAN, Local Forecaster.